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The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Building on the above date at 7:30 P. M. with Mayor B. E. Ball presiding.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. C. C. Clark appeared before council requesting a No U Turn sign #406 at the corner of 11th and Park Avenue. Council referred the matter to the City Manager.

Bill Blevins appeared requesting street light installed in the meighborhood of Ridge Avenue and 9th Street. The matter was tabled pending investigation.

On motion by Sol Cury, seconded by W. R. Hamner and carried unanimously, the application for A. B. C. License to sell beer on-off premises by Lottie Hatfield was approved.

On motion by W. R. Hamner, seconded by A. O. Umstead and Carried unanimously, the City Manager was authorized to negotiate a lease with the Interstate Railroad for the sum of \$150.00 per year as drawn in the agreement.

On motion by Sol Cury, seconded by W. R. Hamner and carried by unanimous roll call vote the City Manager was authorized to purchase a H-T4 tractor at a net cost of \$6743, using the old tractor as trade-in allowance.

On motion by A. O. Umstead, seconded by Sol Cury and carried by unanimous roll call vote, the City Manager was authorized to purchase a D-4 Caterpillar Tractor at the price of \$9175 to be paid for at the lowest possible charge and if 2% discount is available we authorize that the money be borrowed and paid for in cash.

On motion by W. R. Hamner, seconded by Sol Cury and carried by unanimous roll call vote, H. G. Dalton was authorized to go to a local government officers conference in Charlottesville, on a matching sum basis with the State Compensation Commission.

On motion by Sol Cury, seconded by A. O. Umstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote, it was moved that the strip of land from 12th Street westward for a distance of 200' (now used and occupied as the right of way for Alt. U. S. Rt. 58) be offered for sale in its entirety for \$1,500 and that the City Manager be authorized to proceed with the sale.

On Motion by W. R. Hamner, seconded by A. O. Umstead and carried unanimously, a resolution transferring the property to Gannaway was adopted.

WHEREAS, by option agreement dated July 7, 1953, between C. H. Gannaway and Jacqueline Gannaway, his wife, and John B. Gannaway

and Ruby Gannaway, his wife, the Town of Norton, now the City of Norton, a municipal corporation, did agree as a part of the consideration for the conveyance of a certain parcel of land and for the damages to the residue of the lands owned by the said Gannaways to convey to said Gannaways that strip of land from 12th Street westward for a distance of 200 feet now used and occupied as the right of way for Alt. U. S. Route 58 (Main Avenue in said City); and,

WHEREAS, the construction of the approaches to the viaduct are new being completed and the section of Main Avenue from 12th Street westward for 200 feet will soon be abandoned for public use and said Gannaways desire the conveyance of said right of way lands as provided in said agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Clerk and Mayor of the City of Norton be, and they are hereby authorized to execute a deed of Special Warranty conveying 200 feet of said right of way lands to the said C. H. Gannaway with covenants of Special Warranty.

The City Manager reported that the Chester Engineers advised by telephone that the agreement for their services seemed satisfactory and that they would advise as soon as possible by signing the contract and further that they expected to begin work around the first of September.

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On motion by A. O. Umstead, seconded by Sol Cury and carried by unanimous vote, the City Manager was authorized to proceed at once to clear the proposed dam site.

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After discussion of the proposed water and sewer facilities necessary for the City of Norton, the City Manager was instructed to have the City Attorney draw a bond ordinance in the amount of \$600,000 for presentation at the next meeting of council.

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There being no further business before the council same adjourned.

Mayor

Clerk